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'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading'

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131**

I, Tommaso Innocenti, Applicant in Application No. 09/866,652, 'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading' do hereby declare that the subject matter claimed therein was conceived by me prior to 15 June 2000 and that Peter O'Donovan Gibson, Registered U.S. Patent Agent #34,605, was contacted by me on that date by facsimile transmission requesting his assistance in patenting this invention as shown in Exhibit A, a true photocopy of this facsimile transmission, attached hereto and reading, in part:

I have devised a special, new way to put up natural raw materials auctions for internet auctions and I would like to implement it but, before any further step, I would like to patent it in order to prevent competitions' imitation and to have a stronger position when dealing with commercial partners. (Exhibit)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 USC 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any Patent issued thereon.

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20 JAN. 2004

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